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SENATE RESOLUTION 98

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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Sarah Brand of Farragut Middle School upon reaching the fourth round of the 74th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who through their extraordinary efforts in competition have distinguished themselves as role models of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Sarah Brand, a sixth grader at Farragut Middle School in Knox County who reached the fourth round of the finals of the 74th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee; the 11-year old was one of 248 contestants from the United States, its territories, and part of Mexico, competing in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Sarah's road to the National competition was long and arduous; she placed fifth, then third in the Knox County annual bees before winning this year. She then qualified for the national bee by defeating 48 local champions in the Southern Appalachian Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*; and

WHEREAS, Sarah devoted two hours of practice a day with her parents and used computer aids to prepare for competition; she survived the first round of the National Spelling Bee by spelling "kamelaukion," a type of cap worn by certain Eastern Rite clergymen; and

WHEREAS, Although Sarah studied 125 words on Monday night before the bee began, she took the time to go sightseeing at the National Gallery of Art to relax before the competition; and

WHEREAS, Sarah got safely by the words "syringe" and "bodkin" in the second and third rounds before meeting her nemesis "Australopithecus"; nevertheless, her high standing is a testament to her ability and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Sarah's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride to her parents, Britt and Karen Brand, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sarah Brand for her dedication to academic excellence and her perseverance in practice and preparation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Sarah Brand upon reaching the fourth round of the 74th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, and extend to her our best wishes for every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.